



Athletic Participation Registration Form for Home Education Student for 2010-11 (Page 1 of 2)

The parent/guardian must complete, sign in the presence of notary public and presented to the school at which the student wishes to participate. All attachments are required and must be submitted with this form. The school will submit all information to the FHSAA Office via C2CSchools and must be entered in C2CSchools before the student can participate in practice sessions but no later than the Monday of the first week of competition (including the week of preseason jamborees or classics, if applicable) for the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate.

1. Name of student Birthdate {mm/dd/yy} Grade in school th Home address Home phone number ()

2. Student resides in and is legally registered as a home education student in the County School District Attach documentation from school district showing this student to be properly registered as a home education student in accordance with s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes.

3. Student wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics at {name of school} Student wishes to participate in the following sport(s) at this school (list all)

4. Student was enrolled in the th grade during the previous school year at {check and complete the one that applies}: {name of school} in {city} A home education program in the County School District, which can be contacted at {phone no.} ()

5. Student first entered the 9th grade on {mm/dd/yy} Has student maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all subjects taken since entering 9th grade? [Yes][No] or Has student maintained a GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale in all subjects taken the previous semester for (for grade 6 - 8, only)? [Yes][No]

Attach all transcripts for student. Transcripts must include all schools attended whether public, private, online, home education or other, and all grade-level promotions by public and private schools. Grades must be calculated using the "alpha" system (A, B, C, D and F). In determining the cumulative grade point average (GPA) for purposes of academic eligibility for interscholastic athletic competition, the following grading scale as mandated by s. 1003.437, Florida Statutes, must be used: grade "A" is 90 to 100 percent and has a GPA value of 4; grade "B" is 80 to 89 percent and has a GPA value of 3; grade "C" is 70 to 79 percent and has a GPA value of 2; grade "D" is 60 to 69 percent and has a GPA value of 1; and grade "F" is 0 to 59 percent and has a GPA value of 0. If the student has not yet entered the 9th grade, attach a copy of the previous semester transcript.

6. Student is enrolled in the following courses for the current semester of the 2010-2011 school year: Subject (list each) Location where each course is taken (public or private school, FLVS or similar, home, dual enrollment, other) [] public or private school [] FLVS or similar [] parent [] dual enrollment [] other

7. Is the student receiving any form of educational services from any public or private school(s), FLVS or any other online service, or any other type of schools (i.e. dual Enrollment, correspondence school, etc.) other than home education as defined in s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes? (Yes) (No)

If yes, answer the following: a. Name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) of school(s) providing student with these services: b. Does the school(s) keep attendance records for this student? (Yes) (No) c. Does the school(s) keep transcript records for this student? (Yes) (No) d. Will this student be awarded a diploma upon successful completion of this program? (Yes) (No)

I/we understand that the school at which this student is registering to participate in interscholastic athletics is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). I/we, therefore, agree that this student will be subject to and abide by all FHSAA rules, as well as the regulations of the school, pertaining to interscholastic athletic participation. I/we understand that if this student attends one school and participates in the interscholastic athletic program sponsored by another school, the student may be ineligible and may cause the team of which he/she is a member to forfeit contests and honors won. I/we understand that a student is considered to represent a team in competition if the student is dressed in uniform and available to participate in a contest. I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the information provided and statements made on this form and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature of Student / Date STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF Sworn of affirmed before me on (date) [Notary Seal:] Signature of Notary Printed Name of Notary Printed Name of Parent NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: , 20

Signatures of parent and student must be notarized. Documentation from school district and student transcripts must be attached.

Explanation of the FHSAA EL7 Form

1. The FHSAA is an enforcement/governing organization. Its job is to create a “level playing field” for all high school athletes, so that every student has an opportunity to play high school sports in a fair and competitive environment. If there were no Bylaws governing eligibility, recruiting would be rampant and there would be little opportunity for relatively good players to develop their skills on a high school athletic team. Schools that recruit players are penalized and fined for breaking the Bylaws.

The FHSAA Bylaws and the enforcement of them protect home education students and their teams. Having a level playing field allows students to develop their talents and have the opportunity to compete for state championships. Enforcement is difficult, and often misunderstood, but is necessary to protect the integrity of high school athletics.

2. The FHSAA is trying to lessen the number of hours it takes to determine eligibility for each individual home education student. The FHSAA asks for additional information to make those determinations easier. Some of the educational services or vendors that have been reviewed are listed in this document under item No. 7. It takes time to make these determinations on a fair and equitable basis. The EL7 form is not designed to require additional information from home education students, rather to simplify the process and obtain enough information to verify their compliance with state statute and the FHSAA Bylaws

3. Participation in FHSAA athletics is a privilege, not a right, as determined by the courts. Home education students are given the opportunity to participate, but they must meet the same eligibility requirements as other students in public and private schools. As an example, any public, private or home education student who does not have the required GPA is ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities. All students have to comply with the Florida Statutes and the FHSAA Bylaws to be eligible to participate.

Guide for Completing the FHSAA EL7 Form

(Home Education Student Athletic Registration Form)

Please read this information very carefully and in its entirety. This is very important and needs to be done correctly for your child to participate in any FHSAA sport program even if they are in a Home Education Cooperative. All forms must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director/Principal, along with any applicable transcripts. The school will submit them to the FHSAA via C2CSchools. The forms must be submitted to the FHSAA via C2CSchools before your child can participate in any practice.

It is highly recommended that the student begin participating on the first day of practice to be conditioned, trained and ready to play. You can locate the date of the first practice and first week of competition on the FHSAA Calendar (<http://www.fhsaa.org/rules/calendar>) for each sport. However, all information must be submitted to the school prior to the Monday of the first week of competition (including the week of preseason jamborees or classics, if applicable) for the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate so that the school can submit them by this same deadline, otherwise the student will not be eligible to participate.

With more and more home education students participating in athletics in public, private, or in Home Education Cooperatives, it has become a real challenge for the FHSAA to verify compliance. It is essential that parent(s) comply with the requirements in this form to facilitate an accurate and expeditious ruling on your child’s eligibility.

Print out the EL7 form from the FHSAA web site at http://www.fhsaa.org/forms/pdf/EL07_home_reg.pdf. You will need one form for each child who is participating.

1. Give correct information including your child’s school grade level for the year in which he/she is going to participate.
2. Provide the name of the county in which the student resides and is registered with as a home education student. Attach the “Verification of Student Registration With Public School District Home Education Office” form.
3. Provide the public or private school name or home school cooperative name for which your child will be participating. List all of the sports that your child is interested in participating in this year.
4. Provide the school grade level for the previous school year.
 - If your child attended a public or private school last year, select the first choice and give the requested information.
 - If your child was registered in a home education program last year, select the second choice and provide the number for the Home Education Contact in the Superintendent’s office in the county in which the child was registered.

5. Enter the date he/she started 9th grade. If a student is entering 9th grade this year, enter this year's beginning date.

If student is a middle/junior high school student, leave this blank.

A high school student has only 4 years of eligibility. The FHSAA Bylaws do not allow a student to be retained for any reason after 6th grade. And since no student is eligible for high school athletics upon becoming 19 years 9 months of age, retention most certainly will jeopardize the student's eligibility at the end of his school career.

Answer "yes" or "no" about maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above in all their subjects since entering 9th grade or earning a 2.0 or higher the previous semester for middle/junior high school students.

6. List the subjects the student will be taking in the current semester and check where those courses will be taken. If taking a course at a public or private school please indicate so as well as in #7. If taking a course online (i.e. Florida Virtual School or a school district virtual school) please indicate so as well as in #7. If taking 50% or more of courses online via Florida Virtual School (FLVS) or a district virtual school franchised through FLVS, please log on to FLVS, go to "Student Records", choose the option "Cumulative Academic Report", print and submit that screen. "Home" means that the parent/guardian is solely providing the education, using tutors or home school groups. Use "other" for correspondence school courses (must be out of state, provide name of school(s) in #7).
7. Complete as specified. Here is the link to s. 1002.41, Florida Statutes:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch1002/SEC41.HTM&Title=->2009->Ch1002->Section%2041#1002.41

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

If your child is taking 50% or more of their courses at a single school, public or private, or an online service other than Florida Virtual School, or if your records are being kept by any school, umbrella school, etc., that has a **Florida Private School number**, then your child is not a home education student. The child is a student of that school and is not eligible to participate in any FHSAA activities as a homeschooler. It is not based on whether the school supplies curriculum, but on whether they are keeping your records for attendance, transcripts, diplomas, **and** have a **Florida Private School number**.

Some families have made the decision to withdraw their students from programs that are "600, umbrella schools," or schools that provide other services in order for their children to be able to continue in athletics.

If you are receiving Educational Services (not just curriculum) from any of the following programs, please answer 'yes' and provide the information requested for 7a.

- The Florida Virtual School as a Registered Home Education Student;
- A Beka Academy (a separate entity from their Florida Private School);
- Any out-of-state correspondence schools (e.g., American School, Calvert, Alpha Omega Academy, Bob Jones Academy)
- Dual enrollment through a community college or state university

For all schools or programs listed above, the answer to 7b will be 'no' and 7c will be 'yes'; and 7d will be 'yes' if you will be receiving a diploma from them.

Notarized Signatures: Both student and parent/guardian must have their signatures on the EL7 form notarized. Read this section carefully. Notice that when you sign, you are swearing that the information you are providing is accurate. Please read and correctly fill out everything on this form.

Documentation from school district: The official FHSAA Verification of Student Registration with District Home Education Office form can be downloaded from the FHSAA website along with the EL7 form. This form should be printed out by the parent and completed by the school district. Contact your District Home Education Contact to find out the quickest way to get this form completed (e.g., deliver it in person or fax it to them along with your request). However, you may need to send your request and the form by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope for them to return the completed form to you. Be sure you get this form to them as soon as you know your child wants to participate in FHSAA athletics, so that you can meet the deadline for submission of the required forms.

Transcripts:

A transcript contains a list of courses taken at a specific school, at certain grades levels, and the grade the students earned in that course.

Florida Statute 1006.15(3)(a)(1) does require a 2.0 GPA for all students participating in extracurricular activities. The cumulative GPA in grades 9 – 12 is tied to the requirements for high school graduation in s. 1003.43(1) for public school students. A GPA is calculated by converting all grades to a numerical system. The grading scale is set by s.1003.437, F.S., and the FHSAA is required to follow that statute. There is a GPA calculator online at

<http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm>

Honors courses and dual enrollment, as well as AP courses are weighted grades, meaning that they count more than a regular course grade. For the purpose of athletic participation the regular grading unweighted system must be used. There is a sample “transcript” or “High School Record” at the end of this document for use for grade 9 – 12. Make it neat and easy to read. For students in grades 6 – 8 and for reporting grade for the 1st semester of grades 9 – 12, use the EL 9 Form. You may also want to refer to the NCAA website for information regarding home education student eligibility requirements for college athletics:

http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/pdf/Frequently_Asked_Questions_About_Home_Schooling-Updated_7-1-09.pdf

Generally, the parent will give a grade in the subjects taught in a home education program, unless they use a curriculum or are taking classes through dual enrollment, a distant learning program or the FLVS, which provides grades. Most grading in traditional schools is subjective and comparative, except for math. To determine the standard for an “A,” the teacher generally has to read 5 to 10 papers or assignments. For an individual home educated student that is not possible. The parent usually knows whether the student is an A, B, or C student. If a student completes all assignments correctly and quickly, he is probably an “A” student. Students who get most of the assignment correct the first time are probably “B” students. If your child is struggling academically, perhaps he/she needs to spend their time on academics and not extracurricular activities. That is the legislative rationale behind requiring a 2.0 GPA for participation in high school athletics.

If your child is currently in high school, you will need to provide their high school subjects, grades, and GPA for each grade level since the student entered the 9th grade as required in #5. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for juniors and seniors according to s. 1006.15(3)(a)(3) F.S. A sample is provided at the end of this document. Students entering 9th grade for the first time need not submit any transcript until the conclusion of the first semester; use the EL9 Form to report grades for the 1st semester.

If your child is currently in the 6th through 8th grades, you will need to provide their middle/junior high school subjects, grades, and GPA for the previous semester only as required in #5. Students entering 6th grade for the first time need not submit any transcript until the conclusion of the first semester. Use the EL 9 Form to report these grades.

At any time a student earns a grade through a source other than that solely by the parent/guardian, private tutor, or home education group, this must be documented from the issuing institution (i.e. public or private school, FLVS, college or university, correspondence school, etc.) and noted on the transcript or “High School Record”.

District documentation must match the institution providing the transcript. For example, if courses were taken in a home education program, then the district documentation must confirm registration in a home education program for those grade levels. Official transcripts from a private or public school will document enrollment in those schools.

Sample Transcript Only

High School Record

If subjects were taken at an institution which provides transcripts, those transcripts must be provided.

Home Education student's full name: John Smith

Date {mm/dd/yy}: 06/15/07

Street Address: 1234 Oak St. Apt.# _____ City: Anywhere State: FL Zip Code: 32333

Phone: (303) 123-4567

Grade/Year	Subject	Subject Grade	GPA
9th / 2004-05	English	A	4.0
	Math	B	3.0
	Science	B	3.0
	History	C	2.0
	Art	A	4.0
			Cum GPA: 3.20

Where were subjects taken: ABC High School - Transcripts are attached

Grade/Year	Subject	Subject Grade	GPA
10th / 2005-06	English	A	4.0
	Math	B	3.0
	Science	B	3.0
	History	B	3.0
	Art	A	4.0
			Cum GPA: 3.40

Where were subjects taken: Home

Grade/Year	Subject	Subject Grade	GPA
11th / 2006-07	English	B	3.0
	Math	B	3.0
	Science	B	3.0
	History	C	2.0
	Art	C	2.0
			Cum GPA: 2.60

Where were subjects taken: Home

Signed: *Molly Smith*
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date {mm/dd/yy}: 06/15/07

High School Record

If subjects were taken at an institution which provides transcripts, those transcripts must be provided.

Home Education student's full name: _____ Date [mm/dd/yy]: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____
Street Address Apt. # City Zip Code

Phone (_____) _____

Grade/Year	Subject	Subject Grade	GPA	
9th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	
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	_____	_____	_____	
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	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

10th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
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	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

11th / _____	_____	_____	_____	
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	_____	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	_____	Cum GPA: _____

Where were subjects taken: _____

Signed: _____ Date [mm/dd/yy]: ____ / ____ / ____
(Parent/Guardian signature)